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Greetings!

Greetings from the Governor's Energy Office (GEO)! We hope you enjoy this month's issue of the GEO E-News.

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GEO Awards the 2nd Round of NEED Grants

GEO is pleased to announce the second round of New Energy Economic Development (NEED) grants to 13 awardees totaling \$656,000 from Clean Energy Funds. These projects were selected to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy throughout the state. The 13 awardees are:

- Bardwell Consulting of Denver
- Black Hawk Transportation Authority
- City and County of Denver
- Community Energy Systems of Crestone
- Coolerado of Arvada
- Czero, Inc. of Fort Collins
- Denver Zoological Foundation
- Hybrids Plus of Boulder
- Mountain Parks Electric, Inc. of Granby
- The New Community Coalition of Telluride
- Powerhouse Enterprises, Inc of Massachusetts
- Sundyne Corporation of Arvada
- Sunflower Corporation of Boulder

For more information on each of these projects, visit GEO's website [to read the press release](#).

In February, GEO announced the winners of the first round of NEED grants. A total of \$350,000 was awarded to eight projects in Colorado. Look for NEED project progress features in future editions of this newsletter.

The Climate Trust Selected to Implement Colorado's Innovative Voluntary Carbon Fund

GEO has selected The Climate Trust to implement the Colorado Carbon Fund, which will provide high quality, verifiable carbon offsets for consumers concerned about climate change.

Consumers can mitigate their own carbon emissions by helping to fund offset projects, which quantifiably reduce greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. The Colorado Carbon Fund will only spend funds on greenhouse gas reduction projects that are developed in Colorado. For more information about The Colorado Carbon Fund, [visit GEO's website](#).

GEO Staff Highlight

GEO is excited to offer programs and resources to Colorado's residents, businesses and local governments. Here's a look at a few of the people here to assist in advancing Colorado's New Energy Economy:

Joel Asrael, commercial buildings engineer, leads the GEO K-12 school districts energy efficiency and performance contracting programs. His responsibilities include training and outreach to school districts and providing assistance on performance contracting for these schools.

Jamil Dillon of the Residential Buildings program leads the ENERGY STAR New Homes program by acting as a liaison between GEO and its 13 partners. Jamil also works with the Energy Saving Partners Tier 1 delivery agencies throughout the state.

Matt Futch of the Utilities Program is working with rural electric associations to promote cost effective demand side management and renewable energy into their resource load profiles. Also, for rural electricians, Matt is publishing a comprehensive economic and policy roadmap for energy efficiency and renewable energy. Matt also manages GEO's Small Wind Incentive program.

Tim Guiterman of the Commercial Buildings team assists Colorado's K-12 public schools in building new facilities. In addition to helping guide school managers through the high performance design process, Tim is working with key stakeholders to develop Colorado's own K-12 high performance building rating program that will help schools design, construct and certify their buildings for optimum performance and cost savings.

Governor Ritter Celebrates Earth Day

Gov. Ritter celebrated Earth Day 2008 in Colorado by issuing three climate-change executive orders, announcing a new Insulate Colorado residential rebate program and introducing the first 13 Colorado founding reporters to The Climate Registry.

An event was held at the 100-year-old Governor's Residence, where new attic insulation and a 9.8-kilowatt solar array were recently installed. A geothermal system that will help heat and cool the Residence will be installed later this year.

"On Earth Day, it is only fitting to acknowledge that climate change is arguably the greatest environmental challenge of our time," Gov. Ritter said. "Its effects will impact our environment, our economy and our quality of life well into the future. Adapting to climate change will certainly be a challenge, but it also will present tremendous opportunities for us all."

GEO Launches Statewide Energy Code Trainings

In partnership with local building departments GEO is offering statewide residential and commercial energy code training workshops. The training workshops focus on the 2003 and 2006 versions of the International Energy Conservation Codes (IECC 2006 and IECC 2003). Workshops began on April 22 and are offered in 28 locations around the state.

The trainings are delivered by a nationally recognized code training organization, International Code Council (ICC), at no cost to Colorado code officials, homebuilders, developers, architects, engineers and other building industry groups. Additionally, all attendees will receive complimentary official code books, work book resources and continuing technical assistance from ICC. [Learn more on the GEO website.](#)

Save the Date: New Energy Economy Conference

Mark your calendar for October 14th! The 2nd Annual New Energy Economy Conference will be held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. Join hundreds of people from across Colorado that are eager to share their local sustainability initiatives. The conference will showcase exemplary best practice models that empower communities to participate in Colorado's New Energy Economy. Keep an eye on [GEO's website](#) for details.

Governor's Biofuels Coalition Expands Biofuels on the Western Slope

The City of Grand Junction's First E85 Retail Station and the City's E85 Fleet Refueling Site are celebrating a joint grand opening on May 14. Please join the event at Western Convenience, 2998 North Avenue in Grand Junction, at 10am. For more details, ask Megan Castle.

Bike to Work Day 2008: Are You Participating?

Bike to Work Day is on Wednesday, June 25th. Last year was another record breaking year with over 20,000 participants. Find out what all the excitement is about and help make it another banner year! Bike to Work Day is coordinated by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). [Visit the DRCOG website to learn more.](#)

Events Spotlight

2008 Water & Sewer Management Workshops: Renewable Energy Infrastructure

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs is offering workshops throughout May at various locations across the state. The workshop focuses on renewable energy infrastructure for water and wastewater utilities and attendees will receive a certificate of participation. For more information, see the flier posted on [GEO's website.](#)

Utilities and Geothermal Technologies Workshop in June

The Western Area Power Administration is hosting a geothermal workshop in Westminster entitled "Electric Utilities' Roles in Promoting Geothermal Technologies." The workshop will be held on June 10th & 11th. For more information see the flier posted on [GEO's website.](#)

Colorado Renewable Energy Conference Comes to Pueblo

The Colorado Renewable Energy Conference will be held on June 6th - 8th in Pueblo and will feature Congressman Mark Udall and other experts. For more

information, visit [the event's website](#).

E SOURCE Visions of Efficiency Contest

E SOURCE is holding its first ever online video contest aimed at breaking down barriers to adopting energy-efficient products and practices. Finalists will be eligible to win up to \$2,000 and a trip to Denver, Colorado. The goal of the E SOURCE Visions of Efficiency contest is to find entertaining and creative original videos that highlight the benefits of energy efficiency in an imaginative way. For more information, visit the [E SOURCE website](#).

Upcoming Events

For more information about these events, visit [GEO's Events website section](#).

5/15 - 18/2008 Solar Heating Design and Natural Building Workshop
Crestone, Colorado

5/17/2008 IEEE Colorado Symposium on Electronics for Sustainable Energy
Boulder, Colorado

5/19/2008 Energy Rater Training
Berthoud, Colorado

5/20/2008 2008 Water & Sewer Management Workshop
Pagosa Springs, Colorado

5/21/2008 "Green Umbrella" Networking Event: Mapping Our Community
Resources
Durango, Colorado

5/21/2008 2008 Water & Sewer Management Workshop
Palsade, Colorado

5/22/2008 2008 Water & Sewer Management Workshop
Silverthorne, Colorado

5/22/2008 CRES Monthly Meeting: "Colorado's Leadership in a 21st Century
Economy"
Denver, Colorado

5/27/2008 2008 Water & Sewer Management Workshop
Brush, Colorado

5/28 - 5/20/2008 Colorado Summit for Recycling
Aspen, Colorado

5/28/2008 2008 Water & Sewer Management Workshop
Colorado Springs, Colorado

5/29/2008 2008 Water & Sewer Management Workshop
Lamar, Colorado

10/14/2008 Colorado's New Energy Economy Conference
Denver, Colorado

10/26 - 10/29/2008 National Renewable Energy Marketing Conference
Denver, Colorado

6/5 - 08/2008 Solar Heating Design and Natural Building Workshop
Crestone, Colorado

6/10-6/11/2008 Electric Utilities' Roles in Geothermal Technologies
Westminster, Colorado

6/6/2008 Green Summit - Blending Business & the Environment
Boulder, Colorado

6/6 - 6/8/2008 2008 National Energy & Utility Affordability Conference
Denver, Colorado

6/6 - 6/8/2008 Colorado Renewable Energy Conference
Pueblo, Colorado

6/25/2008 Bike to Work Day
Various Locations - Colorado



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